

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates; authorizing  
2 distinctive Yellowstone National Park license plates; specifying  
3 requirements; authorizing a fee; creating an account; providing  
4 for termination of the issuance of the distinctive plates as  
5 specified; requiring a report upon termination; and providing for  
6 effective dates.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-230 is created to read:

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12 **31-2-~~230~~231. Yellowstone National Park license plates.**

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14 (a) Any person required to register a vehicle in Wyoming pursuant  
15 to this article may apply to the department for a ~~statement of~~  
16 ~~eligibility for~~ distinctive Yellowstone National Park license  
17 plates for any motor vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle or  
18 multipurpose vehicle owned or leased by that person upon  
19 registration of the vehicle. Upon payment by the applicant of a  
20 fee of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) established and  
21 assessed by the department, the department shall issue a written  
22 statement of eligibility for Yellowstone National Park license  
23 plates. The fee authorized under this subsection may be increased  
24 annually up to the percentage increase as shown by the Wyoming  
25 cost-of-living index as determined by the division of economic  
26 analysis of the department of administration and information.

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2 (b) The statement of eligibility application fee collected under  
3 subsection (a) of this section shall be payable to the department  
4 and shall be accounted for separately. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) of  
5 each fee collected shall be ~~distributed to the Wyoming wildlife~~  
6 ~~and natural resource trust account created by W.S. 9-15-103(a).~~  
7 payment for embossing as required by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(xxii). The  
8 remainder of each fee collected shall be distributed to the  
9 conservation and tourism impact account within the state highway  
10 fund, which is hereby created. Funds in the conservation and  
11 tourism impact account shall only be used to provide for the  
12 establishment and maintenance of safety rest areas. ~~and to defray~~  
13 ~~costs incurred by the impact of conservation and tourism upon~~  
14 ~~public roads or highways.~~

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16 (c) Application for issuance and renewal of license plates under  
17 this section shall be made directly to the county treasurer at  
18 least thirty (30) days before registration of the vehicle expires.  
19 Application forms shall be available at all county treasurer's  
20 offices. The fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall  
21 accompany each application. The license plates under this section  
22 shall be issued by the county treasurer of each county and shall  
23 be displayed only upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

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25 (d) The department shall prescribe the design of the Yellowstone  
26 National Park license plates authorized by this section, ~~in~~

~~consultation with the United States national park service,~~ which shall include an image of the bucking horse and rider as described in W.S. 8-3-117. License plates authorized by this section need not include arabic numerals designating the county. The department shall arrange for production of the license plates. Following ~~-~~ initial approval, Yellowstone National Park license plates shall be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all license plates beginning with the year 2025 reissuance.

(e) The department may prepare any special forms and issue any rules necessary to carry out this section.

(f) Unless one thousand (1,000) sets of license plates are issued under this section before December 31, 202~~3~~4, the plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated from production and the department shall report the cessation of production to the legislature not later than January 15, 2025.

**Section 2.** The department of transportation shall prescribe the design of the Yellowstone National Park license plates authorized by this act and promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act on or before January 1, 201~~8~~9.